

TIME'S SPOIL

Moreover, all the real and solid joy which in this world, arises wholly from the influence of a true religion. Whatever nation has existed without holiness, that nation has had no so lasting felicity; and the farther any individual or people recede from the paths of purity, so far they depart from real blessedness. "Their sorrows shall be multiplied that have no after another God." "There is no peace to the wicked." Could the fear of God be wholly banished from the human mind, and holiness

His descent from these evils will present himself from many sins, snares and temptations to which he is constantly exposed, and which he could not endure. This is not a small comfort to look back on all the way in which the Father has preserved him from all those evils which threaten to befall him. He has forgiven him all his iniquities, and paid away all his transgressions, and his conscience purified from guilt. His Father has shed mercy upon him, notwithstanding all his sins. He has increased his love to him, and his Father is mingling with his tears! But how will this blessedness be increased, from the pleasing assurance that in a little while, he will be delivered, fully and completely, from all his afflictions, and from all calamities, his own sins. Yes, he will present as holy as his heavenly Father is holy. A man in looking onward a little, he will perceive more and more the glory of his Father, and his mercies from every quarter of the globe, will be restored to God; when the bonds of iniquity will be broken and the captive emancipated. Then shall the Father be glorified in the Father, and all nations be blessed in Christ. Oh, what consolation to think of a restored and renewed world! Then shall it be said that the Father has glorified himself in the Father, and taken down from God out of heaven, prepared a bride adorned for her husband. —*Rev. Meg.*

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tions of youth; and she consequently acquired a more intimate knowledge of herself. This she improved: she felt, that to satisfy an immortal spirit, more is wanted than the world can give; and as her faith increased, it was manifested in love and charity towards all human kind. The exertions she made to relieve

"I called to see her the next day, and found her a silent corpse; the same smile rested on her lip as when I bid her farewell on the preceding evening. I learnt that she retired to rest as usual; but in the morning, when her infant brother attempted to take her hand, it was cold and lifeless; a pocket Bible was found under her pillow, and she died at the 12th of Luke, and those words underlined with her pencil---'Fear not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.'"

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My Captain Wren, that, since my return from India, I have been forcibly struck with several things, which prove the Scriptures to be an Eastern book. For instance, the language of one of the Psalms, where David says, "How amonished my head with ashes, and my hands over mine eyes," is very likely alluded to a custom which continues to this day. I once had this ceremony performed on myself in the house of a rich Indian, in the presence of a large company. The gentleman of a house poured upon my hands and arms a delightfully odorous perfume, put a golden cup to my hand, and poured wine into it till it had run down, assuring me, at the time, that was a great assurance to him to receive me, and that I should find a rich supply in his house. I think the inspired poet expressed his sense of the divine goodness by this allusion.—*Chr. Obs. for Dec.*

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